• DEWAN: ബഡ്ജറിൽ പണം അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കും. അതിന്റെ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് സാംക്ഷണായി കാണുകയില്ല. അതിലേക്കു കുറെ താമസിക്കും.

നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ മറ്റു സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി എല്ലാം ആലോചിക്കാം.

[What you said about the needs of Edapalli will be considered. The memorial on the subject said to have been given will also be considered. Your suggestion that the Land Revenue Commissioner or the Dewan Peishkar should be asked to enquire into the matter will also be considered. The question of two members being given to Parur will soon be taken up for consideration. Some of the roads are under construction. In regard to incomplete works, the work has to be spread over a number of years and only gradual progress will be possible. Funds provided in the budget may lapse because the estimates may not have been sanctioned. All the other points urged by you will receive consideration.]

136. Needs of the Parur Municipality.

MR. R. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Parur*): expressed the gratitude of the Municipal Council and of the people of Parur to the Government of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent for having carried out some improvements in the market tank and the Cutcherry *todu* and for having appointed a woman doctor in the Parur hospital. The member then represented the following further needs of the Parur Municipality.

A road should be opened from the main road to the Kottuchirapadom ferry along the eastern side of the Kunnathu *theruvu*. The people were willing to provide the necessary lands free of cost. The matter was moved in the previous session of the Assembly and it was referred to the Chief Engineer. But nothing more was done.

The following roads should be repaired and gravelled : –

(i) the road branching off from the main road and leading to the Ottakadathu ferry ;

(ii) the road from Parur *todu* to Kuriyapalli passing through Vadakkekara ; and

(iii) the Kuriapalli-Chathanad road.

The first-mentioned road was an important route between Parur and Chennamangalam. The latter place was the seat of Paliathachan, who was prepared to render material assistance towards the construction of a bridge at the ferry. The road, in its existing condition, was unsuiatble for traffic of any kind.

The road from the northern side of Pullumkulam to the Puthentheruvu road should be completed. About five years ago, the eastern end of the road was gravelled for a length of about a furlong. The gravelling should be completed and the annual maintenance of the road attended to ; otherwise, even the gravelled portion would become unfit for traffic.

The lane from Puthentheruvu to Chathanad road should be converted into a cart-road. That was a short cut from the main road to Chathanad road. It would be comparatively cheap to convert the lane into a cart road.

The road from the western gate of the Jacobite Syrian Church to Ettiyedathu bridge should be gravelled immediately.

The road from the western side of Pullamkulam to Cheriapalli should be gravelled and properly maintained. That was one of the important roads in Parur, but it was unsuitable even for ordinary traffic for want of attention by the P. W. Department.

A road should be opened along Perumpadanna as a continuation of the main road, to join it with the Chakkarakadavu road at Ettiyedathu bridge. Chakkarakadavu was an important landing place. A road of the above description would connect Parur with Chirayi in the Cochin State and other important places by a very short route.

The lane running eastwards along the southern wall of the local Post Office to the road leading to the eastern gate of Kannankulangara temple should be gravelled and maintained. The lane, which lay in the middle of the town, was a short cut from the temple to the main road.

The town roads should be properly maintained and kept in good repair.

The Kala *todu* should be properly maintained and its sides touching the roads and lanes should be protected with masonry walls. The *todu* stretched from north to south along the middle of the town. It was the main drain of the town in the rainy season. Many roads and lanes cut across the *todu* from east to west. In several places, its sides had fallen down or the cross roads and the canal bed were at the same level. The canal should be kept in proper condition, so that rain water might drain off without hindrance. In reply to a representation on the subject, Government said that the Municipality should do the work and that, if necessary, they would advance a loan for the purpose. It was clear that the Municipality had no money to undertake works of that kind nor did its resources permit the taking of a loan from the Government. Hence it was necessary that the Government themselves should do the work.

At Pandikasala *Kadavu*, a proper landing should be constructed in the place of the existing one.

The Pashni *todu* should be deepened in order to make it navigable throughout the year and its sides should be protected with masonry walls. It connected two minor branches of the Periyar and, had it not been for that *todu*, navigation from one branch of the river to the other would have had to be carried on through a circuitous route, about 20 miles long. The *todu* was getting filled in and in the dry season boats could not ply in it.

The canal running along the west side of the Syrian Catholic church was a very old one. It drained away the water from a portion

of the town, one square mile in area, to the river. It was also useful for communication. The canal had silted up and become almost useless on account of neglect. It should be deepened and maintained properly. The canal that flowed along the bund and joined the southern distributory of the Periyar, which was of immense use to the ryots, should also be deepened and maintained properly.

A bridge should be constructed at each of the following places :—

(i) at the place where the Vedimara road crossed the Pashni *todu*;

(ii) at the Kottuchirapadam ferry, where there was formerly a wooden bridge;

(iii) at the Ottakadathu ferry; and

(iv) at the place where the Vaniyankattu road crossed the Pashni *todu*.

A culvert should be constructed at each of the following places :—

(i) at the place where the Kala *todu* crossed the lane joining the Cheriapalli road with Kaitharom road;

(ii) at the place where the Kala *todu* crossed the Vattethu lane;

(iii) at the place where the Kala *todu* crossed the Pottentheruvu-Peruvarom road;

(iv) at the place where the *todu* that flowed through the west of the Syrian Catholic Church crossed the lane that joined Kurumthotti *parambu* with the main road near the Municipal Office;

(v) at the place where the Perumpadanna *todu* crossed the Puthentheruvu-Perumpadanna lane at its western extremity; and

(vi) near the mosque at Perumpadanna on the Chathanad road.

Two culverts should be constructed on the existing road to Ottakadathu ferry.

The Pullumkulam should be provided with parapet walls on the northern and western sides and the tank should be cleaned by bailing out the water and the slush. The Aiyankoikkal tank should also be similarly cleaned. Those were the only two tanks opened to non-caste Hindus and non-Hindus in the Parur town. The tanks were in a neglected condition. Their northern and western sides had slipped down, which raised the tank-beds to a level with the adjoining roads. The Municipality had not the resources to meet the expenditure. Hence the works suggested above should be under taken by the P. W. Department.

A Resident Medical Officer should be appointed in the local District Hospital as none of the doctors lived in the neighbourhood of the institution. For the convenience of the in-patients and for attending to emergency cases, provision should be made to enable a doctor to live in the hospital premises. The hospital should be provided with a contagious diseases ward, a pay ward and an isolation ward.

A motor bus stand should be constructed within the town on the western side of the public offices. The necessary funds should be advanced by Government and the Municipality would pay the interest thereon. The capital also would be repaid in instalments.

The grant formerly given to the Municipality should be revived. The Municipal finances were not in a better condition than when the grant was given.

A new building should be constructed for the local Vernacular Middle School in the place of the existing dilapidated one. The building might collapse at any moment.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabha Pillai, You spoke about the construction of a new building for the local Vernacular Middle School. That has been sanctioned and I believe that that difficulty will soon be over.

Then you mentioned the construction of a motor bus stand. The Municipality wants to maintain it. That matter is under consideration and when the report is received that work will be attended to.

There are a number of individual matters which you mentioned with regard to which, as I told the member who made the representation before you, there are some matters in which some steps have been taken. The report of the officers will be called for, and on its receipt, action will be taken on them.

After lunch, the Dewan accompanied by Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah C. S. I., one of the former Dewans, entered the dais of the Assembly Hall. After Mr. Raghaviah was seated, the Dewan spoke as follows :—

Before we proceed with the business of the House, I have to discharge the pleasant duty of offering our thanks to Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah Pantulu Garu for his kindness in visiting the Assembly today. There is nothing surprising in the readiness with which he has consented to come to this Assembly, for he presided over this Assembly for over five years and still takes a very keen interest in the working of this institution and in the welfare of the people of this State. You may remember the message, the very inspiring message, sent by him which I had the pleasure of reading to you on the opening day. It is an indication of the abiding interest that he takes in us. He has consented to come here just to watch the work of the Assembly; and in your name and on behalf of myself, I once more tender our thanks to him.

Mr. S. JANARDANAN NAIR (*Member, Nedumangad taluk*): ഇന്ന് ഇവിടെ സന്നിഹിതനായിട്ടുള്ള മിസ്റ്റർ രാഘവയ്യാ അവർകൾക്ക് അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനോടുള്ള പ്രത്യേകസ്നേഹത്തിനു ഞാൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ പ്രതിനിധി എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള അകൈതവമായ നന്ദിയെ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. പി. മാധവറാവു് ഒരു പ്രത്യേകസന്ദർഭത്തിൽ ഇവിടെ വന്നതൊഴിച്ചു്, ഇദ്ദേഹത്തെപ്പോലുള്ള ദിവാൻജിമാർ ഉദ്യോഗം ഒഴിഞ്ഞു് ഇവിടം

വിട്ട ശേഷം ഈ സഭയിൽ സന്നിഹിതരാവുക എന്നുള്ളത് ഇതുവരെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല. അതിനാൽ ഞങ്ങൾ ഒരിക്കൽക്കൂടി അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു നന്ദിപറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

DEWAN BAHADUR RAGHAVIAH: Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I owe it to the courtesy of your President that I am in your midst today. It was the thoughtful kindness of your President that prompted him to suggest to me that I should be present here this afternoon to witness the working of this Assembly with which I was so very closely associated for about five years. I cannot claim a very long connection with the Assembly nor can I take the credit of having established it—it belongs to a great man, Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao. But during the five years that I was here, it was my good fortune to serve His Highness the late Sri Mulam Tirunal and Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent and I take comfort in the thought that I served this Assembly, as I served Travancore, with the utmost disinterestedness and to the best of my ability. Times have progressed, ladies and gentlemen, and it is with no small pleasure that I see amongst us here ladies as members, or, if I may borrow for the moment an expression of the Round Table Conference, as 'full delegates' taking part in the deliberations of this most interesting institution and throwing light on many dark corners which men by themselves and unaided by the help of women cannot hope to penetrate. It is a sign of the times as I said before and it also shows the far-seeing statesmanship and the enlightened love of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent who so ably governs this State. I do not wish to say anything more except to say that I have come back to my old love and am going to sit here and recall the days when you tried to heckle me, to pull my legs and when you tried to make things uncomfortable for me. I do not say that in any grudging spirit but that was the game which you played for me then and that was the game which I had to play and I trust that I played the game with sincereity, if not with ability. I thank you once more for the welcome you have extended to me.

On resumption of seat by Mr. Raghaviah, the Consideration of subjects was taken up. Mr. Raghaviah was present for about half an hour.

137. Needs of the Cardamom ryots.

MR. C. A. ABDUL RAHIM (*Peermade taluk*): said that all the major industries in the State, except the cardamom industry, were represented in the Legislative Council. The All-Travancore Cardamom Planters' Association was a large association with more than 200 members. To ventilate their grievances, a representative of the Association should be nominated to the Legislative Council or the Association should be given the privilege of electing a member.

For purposes of election to the Legislative Council, the taluks of Devicolam and Peermade in the Devicolam Division were added to the Minachil and Changanachery taluks, respectively, of the Kottayam Division. It was illogical to join a taluk in a Division with another